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## SUMMARY OF SPECIAL IAG MEETING

September 28, 1977

### PROJECT MATCH

This special meeting was dedicated to a presentation and discussion of Project Match. Mr. Jacobson introduced Mr. Thomas Morris, Inspector General of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, who addressed the Group.

Project Match is an effort to eliminate from the State welfare rolls those Federal employees who may be receiving welfare payments illegally. The Civil Service Commission has provided HEW with information obtained from the Central Personnel Data File (CPDF) which contains the name, Social Security number, date of birth, employee status, pay grade and duty station information for all Federal civilian employees. This same information has been requested from the Department of Defense for all military personnel. In the first phase, the welfare rolls from twenty counties/States will be matched against the employment tapes and a list of all those for whom a record was located on both files will be printed out. These individual lists (one for each set of matched records) will be forwarded to the appropriate Federal agency for validation of employment and for W-2 wage/salary information for 1974, 1975 and 1976. At the meeting, the lists for those persons who were found to be on the CSC rolls and the welfare rolls of the District of Columbia were distributed to the representatives of each agency. These lists will be forwarded to other agencies not in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Morris asked that the agencies return the completed lists to HEW in one week. He indicated that as the other States submit their welfare tapes to HEW, the computer match will be done and the matched lists sent to the Federal agencies (probably in 3 or 4 batches). In responding to questions from the IAG members the following documents will be forwarded to each member:

1. Immediately, a narrative description of the work sheet provided to the Federal agencies for each individual found on the CSC and D.C. tapes from Paul Marion at HEW;

2. Immediately, a memorandum from the Civil Service Commission indicating the requirements under the Privacy Act for accounting for any disclosures of information given out by the Federal agencies, and
3. Later, information from HEW on what administrative sanctions were taken against public employees in matches done by Illinois, Michigan and by the District of Columbia.

The representative of the Department of Justice advised that no contacts should be made with the employees concerned until the full investigation is completed. The reason for this is that there is potential criminal fraud involved which may lead to prosecution.

It was understood that the Federal agencies could begin to have the work completed on the work sheets but that the agencies would wait until they received items 1 and 2 before returning the completed work sheets to HEW.

Any questions on Project Match may be addressed to:

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